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twenty-eight to death, it is Virginia's happy history not to have had a single instance of death for witchcraft, and only two or three whippings. Is it not possible that the sober, good sense, the broader view and the intelligence of the man from the great city may have had much to do with Virginia's freedom from this ancient delusion?

This is too good a book to have been furnished with only an index of surnames.

THE GERMAN ELEMENT IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY OF VIRGINIA.
By John Walter Wayland, B. A., Ph. D., Assistant and Fellow in History, University of Virginia, Member of the Virginia Historical Society, the Southern Historical Association, and the Pennsylvania German Society. This monograph has been accepted by the Faculty of the University of Virginia as satisfying the requirements in original research for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Published by the Author. The Michie Company, Printers, Charlottesville, Va., 1907, pp. VII., 272.

The author, who has distinguished himself at the University of Virginia, and whom it is a pleasure to claim as a member of this Society, is of German descent and a native of the Valley of Virginia. Especially fond of historical studies, his attention has naturally been called to that of his own people, which has been so little understood and of which so little has been written..

One of the first fruits of the wise and generous establishment by the Virginia Society of Colonial Dames of an annual prize for work in Virginia history at the University, was an essay on the Germans of the Valley, by Mr. Wayland, which was published in this Magazine in 1902. The present work, while confessedly only a monograph, is a long step towards a full and detailed history of the Germans of Virginia and the settlement of the Valley. The majority of the first permanent settlers in Virginia west of the Blue Ridge were Germans, preceding the Scotch-Irish of Augusta in point of time, and they have to the present day constituted a large and important element in the population of that section. In some of the counties along the Shenandoah, the Germans have considerably exceeded the people descended from other nationalities.

That the history of the Virginia Germans has been neglected, and their important place in the record of the colony and State overlooked, is due to various causes, largely, it should be said frankly, to the indifference of the Germans themselves.

Of course the difference in language from the English speaking population about them, and their almost entire devotion to agricultural pursuits, helped in preventing their receiving the attention that their

work for Virginia deserved. It is pleasant to be able to state that for several years past this Magazine, chiefly through the kindness of Mr. Kemper and Professor Hinke, has been able to present valuable material for the writer of German history. Mr. Wayland has done his work in a thorough and scholarly manner, not merely using what he could find in print, but making careful investigation in the records of the various counties where the Germans have lived.

He begins with a description of the Shenandoah Valley, and this is followed by notices of the earliest explorations by Leaderer, Batte, Spotswood, etc. Then taking up his subject proper, he describes the origin of the German emigrants, tells whence and why they came, and in what numbers. A carefully studied chapter is devoted to the early settlements of the Valley, and this is followed by one comprising almost entirely material now published for the first time, which the author has gathered from the county records. Next come chapters on towns and town founders, and on the proportion and distribution of the German element in the Valley. The purely historical narrative having been completed six most interesting chapters are devoted to the German of the Valley in religion, politics and war, in his educational and literary activities, his home life and industrial pursuits. Sixteen appendices follow giving much information as to German names and families, representatives of the race in the Virginia Legislature, in Congress and in the Revolutionary War. The last appendix contains a bibliography.

Mr. Wayland's book is of great interest, not only to Germans of the Valley and their descendants in other states, but to all students of Virginia history.

It, however, deserves one serious criticism, which should be shared by the faculty of the University, as well as the author. It has no index. Very few books of its size have contained more names, or a greater variety of topics, and none ever more needed an index.

BY-WAYS OF VIRGINIA HISTORY. A Jamestown Memorial, Embracing a Sketch of Pocahontas. By R. H. Early. Richmond, Va. Everett Waddey Company, 1907, pp. 429, with many illustrations.

"The story of Virginia told in the details of the records lies undiscovered by the student who has not access to out-of-date volumes, family and county court papers, which teem with pathetic and humorous incidents, as well as occurrences of strictly historical import. * * * The fragments gleaned from works not in general circulation and collected together here, are presented as side lights of history, rather than its philosophy, and no attempt has been made to follow the course of events."